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1. DELEGATION FROM ZANZIBAR IS SCHEDULED TO TRAVEL TO DAR ES SALAAM TO BEGIN TALKS OCTOBER 1 ON ASP-TANU MERGER. JUDGING FROM ZANZIBAR'S INCREASED NEGATIVE ATTITUDE, THIS FIRST ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD PROVE DIFFICULT.

2. PRINCIPAL ISSUE TO BE DISCUSSED FROM ZANZIBAR VIEWPOINT IS HOW LEADERSHIP OF TANZANIA AND NEW PARTY IS TO BE ORGANIZED. MAINLAND TANZANIANS HAVE LEFT CLEAR IMPRESSION WITH ZANZIBARIS THAT JULIUS NYERE WILL RELINQUISH POSITION AS PRESIDENT OF TANZANIA AT TIME OF PARTY MERGER TO BECOME CHAIRMAN OF NEW PARTY. PRESENT THINKING, AS UNDERSTOOD HERE, IS THAT HE WILL NOT BE SUCCEDED AS PRESIDENT AND THAT HIS PRESENT GOVERNMENT DUTIES WILL BE TAKEN OVER BY AN EXECUTIVE PRIME MINISTER. FIRST VICE PRESIDENT JUMBE IS REPORTED TO BE DISTURBED THAT MAINLANDERS ARE THUS RULING OUT HIS SUCCESSION TO THE PRESIDENCY (ALTHOUGH WHETHER HE WANTS THE JOB OR NOT IS STILL UNCLEAR). HE HAS APPARENTLY DECIDED AGAINST BECOMING AN EXECUTIVE PRIME MINISTER AND THERE IS NO INDICATION THIS JOB WOULD BE OFFERED TO HIM.

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3. IN LAST TWO WEEKS ZANZIBAR HAS PUT THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON ITS MERGER POSITION. IT IS ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED FROM THAT REPORTED IN REFERENCES EXCEPT THAT EMPHASIS HAS BEEN ADDED TO MAINTAINING DISTINCTION BETWEEN ZANZIBAR AND MAINLAND TANZANIA. ZANZIBAR'S REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, VICE PROPOSED UNIFIED PARTY, HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS SUPREME AUTHORITY ON ZANZIBAR. FURTHER SAFEGUARDS TO PRESERVE ZANZIBAR'S SEPARATE STATUS WERE ADDED BY JUMBE WHO MORE THAN EVER DISENCHANTED WITH MERGER NOW THAT HE BELIEVES HE HAS LOST OPTION OF SUCCEEDING NYERE AS PRESIDENT OF TANZANIA.

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